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Item: National Anatomage Tournament

Submitted by: Craig Weigel () A Date: April 14, 2025

Recommended by: Sue Gardner Board Meeting Date: April 21, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

Requesting permission for seven Kent Career Technical Center (KCTC) students (two teams) from the Health Career Foundations program to participate in the National Anatomage Tournament, accompanied by two advisors/chaperones. This event takes place May 30-31, 2025 at the University of Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nevada.

BACKGROUND:

To qualify for this esteemed event, students must excel in regional tournaments or virtual qualifiers, with only the top 5% advancing to the national competition. These students first competed in the Anatomage Regional Tournament held in Fort Wayne, Indiana on February 21, 2025, followed by a virtual qualifier on March 13, 2025. Both teams performed exceptionally well, earning them an invitation to the national tournament.

The Anatomage Tournament is designed to support students' anatomy and physiology learning while fostering collaboration and teamwork. The Tournament is open to all interested high school teams composed of 3-4 students. Teams compete through a series of rounds utilizing a cadaver from the Anatomage Table to correctly identify anatomical structures.

In addition to the competition, participants will have the opportunity to get hands on with Anatomage technologies and attend presentations from speakers in the medical and athletic industries.

Attachments



April 7, 2025

This memo is to request approval from the Kent Intermediate School District Board for seven Kent Career Technical Center (KCTC) students in the Health Career Foundations program to participate in the National Anatomage Tournament, while accompanied by two chaperones.

Event: National Anatomage Tournament on May 30-31, 2025

Location: University of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Advisors: Hailey Kane and Leslie Kirschenbauer

Chaperones: Hailey Kane and Lisa Coin

This year, expanding on last year's successful pilot with the Anatomage tournament, health instructors initiated an anatomy club at KCTC. The anatomy club focuses on student-driven learning and engagement using the Anatomage table. The Anatomage table is an advanced 3D anatomy teaching tool that lets students explore detailed digital models of the human body, making learning more interactive. Students in the anatomy club first competed in an "in-house" qualifier at KCTC, then the regional Anatomage tournament at the University of St. Francis, as well as in a virtual qualifier through Anatomage. All of our teams represented KCTC well, with 2 teams ultimately earning spots to compete in the national tournament.

While the competition is a big part of the tournament, there are additional learning opportunities provided to students as part of participating in these experiences. At the University of St. Francis students had the opportunity to learn anatomy in collegiate health and microbiology labs facilitated by graduate health science students and university faculty.

According to the Anatomage website:

"The National Anatomage Tournament will bring together the top high school teams from across the nation to test their anatomical knowledge. To qualify for this event, students must excel in regional tournaments or virtual qualifiers, with only the top 5% advancing to the national event. The Anatomage Tournament is designed to support students' anatomy and physiology learning while fostering collaboration and teamwork. During the Tournament, participants will get digital hands-on experience with our technology and will participate in presentations from speakers in the medical and athletic industries"

Student	Grade	High School
Ava Malinowski	12th	FH Central
Samantha Rodriquez-Ibarra	11th	Byron Center
Katelyn Redbrun	11th	West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science
Sanjin Aliskovic	11th	FH Eastern
Marwa Karaein	11th	Forest Hills
Audrina Nachampasak	12th	West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science
Christina Valladares	12th	Kenowa Hills High School



Estimate of Expenses (Acct # 26-1-127-3220-580-0000-06157-0000):

Registration: Free

Hotel: 4 rooms x 3 nights = \$4,000.04

Real Bodies Field trip = \$279.00

Food (9 people): $$65/\text{day} \times 3.5 \text{ days} = $2,047.50$

Transportation: \$4,386.80 (airfare for 9 people @ approx \$487.42/ticket round trip) plus \$500 (shuttle,

rideshare, monorail) = \$4,886.80

Total: \$11,213.34

Thank you for your continued support for our students and staff!

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